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1. Basis of the Report

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1
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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)**NEW ABSTRACT**

It is a first aspect of the present invention to provide a computer implemented method of performing ad-hoc analysis including the steps of: generating a text index of the textual information items (20), generating a metadata lookup structure based, at least in part, on the text index (22), searching the text index using a search query (26), compiling results of the text index search into aggregate information related to characteristics of the search results from the metadata items associated with the textual information items in the search results from the metadata lookup structure (28), and reporting the aggregate information (30).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC: G06F 17/30(2006.01)

USPC: 707/2,3,5,205;711/154

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 707/2,3,5,205;711/154

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2006/0173837 A1 (BERSTIS et al) August 3, 2006 (03.08.2006), Fig. 1, page 2 [0019], page 3 [0029], page 4 [0031], page 5 [0039] and page 7 [0050]	1, 6, 16, 20
Y	US 6,928,526 B1 (Zhu et al) August 9, 2005 (09.08.2005), column 3, lines 59 - 61, column 4, lines 14 - 40, column 5, lines 31 - 66 and column 7, lines 22 - 45	1 - 5 and 16 - 19
Y	US 2006/0041605 A1 (King et al) February 23, 2006 (23.02.2006), page 19 [0377] - [0378], page 24 [0466] - [0467], page 28 [0517], page 30 [0531], page 31 [0536] and page 32 [0548]	7 - 13 and 21
Y,P	US 2007/0027840 A1 (Cowling et al) February 1, 2007 (01.02.2007), page 6 [058]	14, 15, 22 and 23

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